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APD News

Inside APD by Ray Thielen

Congratulations to our colleagues who-by virtue of their hard work. initiative and positive attitudes_ won the annual awards outstanding accomplishments. Jim McMahon was this year's winner of the Dale Ray Award... He also received



Jim McMahon was this year's recipient of the Dale Ray Memorial Award; he stands next to Mrs. Mary Ray.

public recognition and brought credit to the office, particularly the dependency section, when the quality and quantity of his work was the subject of a news article in the *Daily Journal*.



The Investigator of the Year Award went to **Jean Dittmyer**, ET Al, with heavy emphasis on the "et al" (alright, Jean?). **Mary Ellen Attridge** was presented the Director's Award for the work she has done in keeping Juvenile afloat and running at full speed.

Malou Alday, who does almost everything having to do with money, won the Chief Deputy Award as the administration / support staff person of the year.



Malou Alday and Dan Mangarin
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Welcome to APD

Mary Ellen Attridge, Supervising Attorney for Primary Parent Office, welcomes attorneys Tracy Toce and Jennifer Gitlin to dependency practice.

Referee Michael J. Imhoff and Judge Harry M. Elias welcome Angela Swan and Benjamin Chiang to dependency practice in North County Court. They joined the Conflict Parent Office.



Congratulations Vince



Supervisory Attorney Vince Garcia graduates from the County of San Diego Supervisory Academy, shown here with Trudy Gerald the Academy director.

It's a Girl!



Congratulations to **Erin Lehrter** on the birth of her daughter, **Norah Grace**, born March 26 at 9:25 a.m., weighing in at 7 lbs., 3 oz.

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER by Timothy A. Chandler, Alternate Public Defender



Diversity in Action

Each year Alternate Public Defender receives a survey request from the Lawyers Club of San Diego. The following words appear under their logo: "Advancing the status of women in the law since 1972." The Lawyers Club cover letter states:

The Board of Directors and the Equality Committee of Lawyers Club have decided that, in continuing to pursue the elimination of bias in San Diego's legal community, a survey of the public sector positions for attorneys should be performed annually. The survey is used to analyze the status of women as it relates to hiring and promotion within public sector law firms. You may recall that a similar survey has been done regarding the public and private sectors each of the past eleven years. We are directing this letter and survey to you with the hope of receiving a response.

The survey consists of ten questions. The questions are as follows:

- Please provide job descriptions for each level or grade attorney within your agency? You may attach a copy of the description if that is easier.
- 2. Please identify the salary ranges by level or grade.
- 3. Please supply a flow chart identifying the possible progression of an attorney from entry level hiring to the highest position available in your agency.

- 4. Please identify the number of authorized positions at each level or grade.
- 5. Please identify the number of attorneys employed at each grade.
- 6. Please identify the number of women versus men employed at each level or grade.
- Is your agency considering pay reductions or layoffs for your attorneys? If so, please identify the percent of potential decrease and which levels or grade will be subjected to the decrease.
- What, if any, maternity/paternity leave policy does your agency have? You may attach a copy of the policy if that is easier.
- If your agency has such a parental leave policy, please describe the process through which it was defined and its effectiveness.
- 10. What type of work options are available for attorneys employed at your agency, e.g., job sharing, part-time, flex time?

These questions are designed to measure the department's appreciation and acceptance of diversity and the elimination of bias. The County has also consistently expressed support for diversity in the workplace. The County describes managing diversity as "the process of creating and maintaining an environment that naturally enables all participants to contribute to their full potential in pursuit of organizational objectives."

Diversity in the workplace serves several purposes. It fosters understanding and acceptance of, and respect for, different cultures, religions, races, abilities, sexual orientations, ages, and lifestyles. It combats and negates stereotypes. It educates and improves the workplace by removing the fear factor that often prevents employees from reaching beyond their comfort zone to brainstorm with other employees that may have different perspectives and ideas regarding how to tackle tasks and serve



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clients. It thereby benefits all employees and customer service. It allows us to focus on the strengths that each individual brings to the work environment. Because it focuses on inclusion not exclusion, it promotes fairness in policies and practices. It makes employees adjust and expand their thinking and consider other views. It leads to more comfortable employees, which leads to lower turnover, profitability, productivity, and higher customer satisfaction. For these reasons, and more, diversity changes the workplace for the better.

In addition to these benefits of diversity, in this department, diversity benefits the clients that we serve. This office serves a very diverse community of clients. On many occasions, clients have commented that they have been happy to see, have felt understood by, and have felt comfortable with the high caliber diverse attorneys, investigators and support staff that serve them serve this office. Thus, the diversity at every levelamong our attorneys, investigators and support staff-not only reflects the diversity of our clients it increases customer satisfaction. We will continue to support diversity and promote its benefits within and outside the fighe bon department.

DCAO Profile



W. HAROLD TUCK, **JR**. Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

W. HAROLD TUCK, JR. Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the County of San Diego, has responsibility for coordinating the County's criminal justice and law enforcement programs. He is the General Manager of the County's Public Safety Group, working closely with the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's office, Probation Department, Superior Court, the Public

Defender, Alternate Public Defender, Office of Emergency Services and the Citizen Law Enforcement Review Board. Together, these departments provide critical public safety services to the citizens of San Diego County and have over 8,000 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$1 billion.

As a key member of the County's executive team, **Harold Tuck** works closely with the Board of Supervisors and Chief Administrative Officer **Walter F. Ekard** to implement new management practices that stress customer service, accountability and team work.

Harold was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and attended undergraduate school at Morgan State University in Baltimore, majoring in Biology. Harold received Masters degrees from National University and San Diego State University.

Harold is on the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts, Inc. – San Diego and Imperial Council. Harold was the first Chair of the State of California. Department of Health Services' Office of Multicultural Health, which is an advisory board. Harold was co-chair of the Health Education committee for the State of California's Public Health Improvement Project. Harold is the past president and current vice president of the California Black Health Network. Harold is currently the president of the San Diego Black Health Associates. He is also a former board member of the San Diego Regional Center. Harold formerly served on the United Way's Information and Referral Network Board and the City of San Diego's Enterprise Community Governance Board.

Harold Tuck joined the County in 1986 as EDP coordinator for health services. He rose through the ranks to become regional general manager for the Health and Human Services Agency's Central Region, and in 2001 was named director of the Housing and Community Development Department. Harold Tuck's passion is his family and mentoring young adults.

Inside APD by Ray Thielen (Continued from page 1)

Congratulations to APD Investigator Alicia Vicars her recent completion of 25 years of services to the County of San Diego. That is a quarter-century of hard work. dedication. and enthusiasm. Those who work with her



know she provides quality service to our office and our clients.

Last month four APD support staff members graduated from the Administrative Development Academy Presented by the San Diego County Public Safety Group. Congratulations to Yvette Briggs, Rhonda Clipper, Phoebe Garner and Karla Lopez. The purpose of the academy is to give administrative and support staff the training and tools to assist them in developing their careers with the county. The academy classes were on Wednesday mornings for six weeks. As one of the graduates said, she used to think she had a "job" with the county; now she feels that she has a "career."

Ranessa Ashton of the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA) recently met with the downtown staff to discuss the retirement system and how to get the most out of it. It was a very informative talk, and included tips on what to do while you are young and retirement is still beyond the horizon. Ms. Ashton is going to make herself available to the rest of our staff in the next couple months.

Meetings are scheduled as follows:
South Bay & East County May 9
(in South Bay Office)
Kearny Mesa June 6
North County June 16

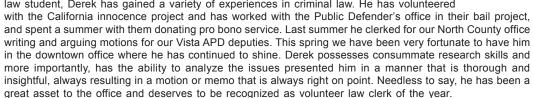
Each of the meetings is scheduled for noon to accommodate our schedules. If you have any thoughts or questions about retirement (who doesn't?) be sure to attend.



Derek VanDeviver Volunteer Law Clerk of the year

APD Volunteer of the Year

Writs and Appeals is proud to announce Derek VanDeviver as our volunteer law clerk of the year. Derek, who hails from Rochester, New York and graduated from Suny, Brockport. He's a third year law student at California Western School of law and will graduate in May. While a law student, Derek has gained a variety of experiences in criminal law. He has volunteered



APD Volunteer Investigative Interns



Julia Quon Senior at UCSD double majoring in Economics and Literature. I decided to do this internship because I am interested in law, and this internship was highly rated by the Academic Internship Program Office.



Foundas I graduated from National

University with B.S., majored in Criminal Justice. After seven years in U.S. Military, I am now pursuing my interest in law. Will begin law school in Fall 2004. I was referred to the APD

through a friend who is attending Southwestern Community College.

Nathan



Laura Topete I am a junior at Grossmont College, transferring to San Diego State in fall 2003. Working towards my B.S. in Criminal Justice. Working as a student worker in the APD Office. I

decided to work at APD

because my interest is in Investigation. I think that it will provide me with the necessary experience to go into the field.



Laura Tenhundfeld

Administration of Justice student at Palomar College. I will be graduating with an Associate of Arts degree in December of 2003 and will go on to complete a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. My experiences with the APD have been the most valuable part of my education as it has allowed me to apply what I have learned in the



classroom and my life to the art of investigations. As I continue to learn everyday I am encouraged in my career goals. My internship with the APD has been an invaluable beginning by teaching me the real-world insights not offered in a classroom environment.



Amanda Wagner

Freshman at Palomar College. The working at APD helped me focus my career goals. I have always had an interest in the criminal field. I'm just undecided on which direction I want to go. APD has definitely sparked an interest in investigations.



APD employee Ricardo Murillo, investigator with the Conflict Parent-Child Office is currently involved in his third year

APD Employee "Making a difference"

of volunteering with Water Stations, Inc., a non-profit, non-political organization consisting of volunteers who want to decrease the large number of heat related deaths of immigrants traveling through the Imperial Valley and San Diego County desert regions.

Founded by John Hunter (brother of Congressman, Duncan Hunter) in 2000, the primary goal of the Water Station's group is to save lives. Three hundred and forty water stations are installed in the Imperial Valley Desert and surrounding areas. With temperatures reaching as high as 127 degrees during the summer months, water is critical for survival. Volunteers maintain stations

each weekend throughout the summer months, re-filling them with gallons of water, repairing boxes and flags damaged by the elements and vandals. Permits have been obtained to install the water stations and good working relationships are maintained with the local government and authorities.

Volunteers come from throughout Southern California every weekend during the summer months and Water Stations is always in need of volunteers. Ricardo indicated that they have already begun water runs in certain areas of the desert. Anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to contact Ricardo at (619) 302-8374.

APD Volunteer Investigative Interns, Graduating Class of 2003



Ammie Blatchley

Ammie a student intern working in the APD El Cajon office has been named the OUTSTANDING GRADUATE FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION 2003 at San Diego State University. The rigorous selection criteria for this award include grade point average, quality of work, and recommendations from professors. Ammie will be recognized April 27 at a luncheon held in her honor and will be recognized at the graduation ceremony. This award is given to one person only each year. Over a thousand people graduate each year from the program, so this is really quite an accomplishment for Ammie.



Ryan Cardena

I felt that to be competitive with other Criminal Justice graduates, I needed to have experience. The APD fulfilled this, training me in tasks I otherwise would not have learned in a classroom setting. I enjoy working for individuals who take the time to familiarize you with your environment and duties, which the APD

is littered with. My experience has been invaluable to my young career in Criminal Justice.



Esmeralda Chavez

I have an interest in Immigration and Forensics. Interning at APD has been very helpful and has sparked a new interest in me.



Aaron Clark

I decided to get an internship with APD to expand my knowledge pertaining to the court process. I learned a great deal about investigations and court proceedings. With the knowledge and experience I gained, I feel more equipped for a future career.



Obed Contreras

Interning with the APD has given me the opportunity to experience first hand the criminal justice system. I would go so far as to say that the APD internship is invaluable due to the experience and knowledge one acquires of the criminal justice system.



Hiram Diaz

Interning with the Alternate Public Defenders Office has made me become more familiarized with investigations and court processed. Everything I have learned and every request I have worked on has been very interesting. This internship has made me

open my eyes to investigations and in the future I hope to work in some field of investigations.



Joe Enomoto

Interning with the APD has been a great learning experience and has really opened up my eyes to the real world. I am very appreciative towards the APD for giving me the opportunity to further myself in my major

as well as building up my character. The internship has been everything I expected and more. I would recommend this internship to anybody that is interested in learning how the correctional system works. I know that I am more prepared than ever to go out in the real world and make my mark.



Cynthia Hernandez

This internship has helped me narrow down my choices for after graduation. experience has solidified my respect for this profession and can now envision myself in one aspect of this practice or another. I have genuinely

enjoyed learning the ins and outs of dependency law.



Renada Kulish

My internship with the APD has been a wonderful experience and has helped me realize that I would like to pursue a career as an investigator.



Lindsey Martin

The opportunity to intern for the Alternate Public Defender has introduced me to the intricacies of the legal system and has reaffirmed my decision to apply to law school. This internship has provided me with an invaluable

experience, hands-on learning, and insight into the legal system.



Lupita Mendoza

As an investigative intern, have had the opportunity to learn about and do research for various types of felonies committed in the county of San Diego. The opportunities of going out in the field, accompanying investigators

to witness interviews, researching prior crimes and attending court hearings has greatly influenced me as someday I know this work and knowledge gained will help me in my career.



Anthony Waller

I plan to work with juvenile delinguents within the probation department. I also plan to obtain a Master's degree in counseling so that I could become a high school counselor. I feel that working in dependency will give me

valuable experience that would help me pursue my future goals.



Jason Webb

My ultimate goal is to work in law enforcement. Working at the APD has given me the opportunity to get a better perspective of the inner workings of the justice system from various viewpoints. I believe this internship will help me to perform my duties as a

law enforcement agent more compassionately and effectively.



Thomas Winslow

This internship has allowed me to apply what I have learned in the classroom. The time spent with the APD has helped me decide if I wanted to leave the private sector.

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Mike Dealy
Deputy Alternate Public Defender

As I'm writing this, March Madness has reached the Final Four and I'm pondering the madness foisted upon us by the highest courts of our state and country during this first quarter of 2003. The least unexpected pronunciamento from the U.S. Supremes came to us in Lockver v. Andrade, in which the Supremes snuffed out the temporary high given us by the 9th Circuit's ruling that the Three Strikes punishment is unconstitutionally cruel and unusual. Not so, says Justice O'Connor, three strikes punishment is not so grossly disproportionate as to rise to constitutional dimensions. Again, they bow to the underlying principle that the states may decide for themselves how to deal with criminal issues and will not intercede unless there is "gross" disproportionality. Query, what that is and will they know it when they see it? I guess we could have seen this one coming.

As an interesting sidelight, Justice Scalia about to receive the City Club of Cleveland's Citadel of Free Speech Award for his unflagging devotion to the free speech tenets of the First Amendment, banned the broadcast media from covering the event. Hmmmm.....

At the state level, the strange and bizarre are becoming commonplace. *In re John Z, 29 Cal 4th 756,* started the year off on an odd note when our Supremes decided that a rape can occur at any time after consensual penetration, when one of the parties says "Stop!," rejecting a defense argument that there should be a reasonable amount of time to "quell his primal urge" Hmmmm.....

People v. Burgener 29 Cal 4th 833, demonstrates what an emotional roller coaster capital litigation can be. In 1980, appellant robbed a convenience store and shot the clerk. He was convicted and sentenced to death. On appeal, the case was reversed as his attorney had presented no mitigation or argument at the penalty trial. That was in 1986.

On retrial a second jury recommended death. The trial judge however, modified the verdict to LWOP. On the People's appeal the case was again reversed because the judge had considered improper factors in modifying the death judgment. That takes us to 1990.

At the retrial, there was a new judge as the last judge had retired. This time, the judge reinstated the jury's recommended death verdict. Finally, in this January 2003 opinion, the Supremes once again vacated the death verdict because the new judge in his review did not apply the correct standard. He merely reviewed the transcripts to determine if there was support for the jury's recommendation and found there was. "Wrong!" say the Supremes. The approach is for the new judge to make a completely independent determination based on his own weighing of the aggravants and mitigants.

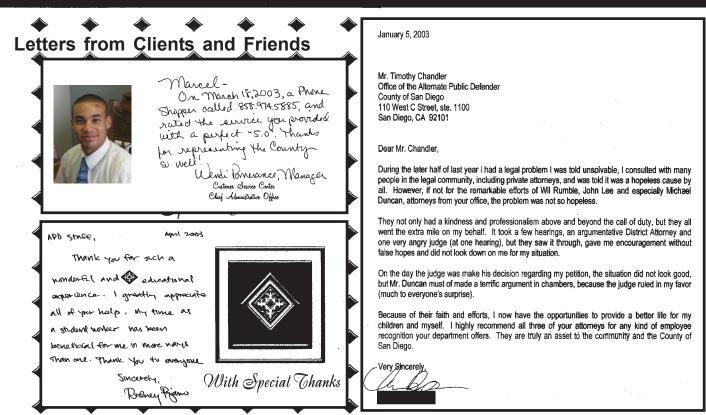
So, 23 years after the fact, the fate of Mr. Burgener has yet to be determined—to say nothing of the fact, that once the judge does another review of the transcripts, the appellate process may start anew. What do you think the odds are of that judge rendering an LWOP sentence??

The Draconian effect of the various sex offender laws are clearly demonstrated by People v. Snow 105 Cal. App. 4th, in which our own Judge Revak was reversed for a sentencing error. Mr. Snow, who had two prior 288a convictions, was convicted of 288(a). So the question presented was this can he be sentenced under the One Strike law (PC667.61), the Three Strikes Law (667 b-i), the Habitual Sex Offender Law (667.71), and can specials like Nickel Priors be added on? You can imagine the prosecutor salivating over the possibilities, while defense counsel cringes looking for a way to minimize the damage! Judge Revak sentenced him to 85 years to life, by first sentencing him to 25 to life under the one strike law, then tripling that under the Three Strikes law (remember the provision that says 3x the base or 25 to life whichever is greater) and as the coup de grace added two nickel priors to reach 85 to life. A Habitual Sex Offender sentence of 25 to life was stayed on 654 grounds.

On appeal, Snow argued that Three Strikes and One Strike are mutually exclusive and that he couldn't be punished under both for the same crime. "Wrong!" says the Court of Appeal upholding the 85 to life sentence as perfectly proper. One Strike and Three Strikes may be imposed cumulatively! Guess we could have seen that coming! The only crumb thrown our way is the conclusion that Mr. Snow could not be sentenced under both the One Strike and Habitual Sex Offender laws, meaning he can be subjected to either one of those, and Three Strikes. So the result would be exactly the same. So Judge Revak's sentence was upheld but he was reversed for his 654 stay of the Habitual Sex Offender sentence. It should not have been considered at all, once the One Strike sentence was chosen.

Not to be outdone, Judge Exharos dismissal of the "lying in wait" special circumstance was reversed in People v. Broadway 105 Cal. App. 4th 297. Judge Exharos had reasoned that the constitutionality of the PC 190.2 (a)(15) lying in wait special circumstance had become suspect since the amendment of the statute by the passage of Prop 18 had changed the language of the special circumstance statute from "while lying in wait" to "by means of lying in wait," making it indistinguishable from the first degree murder statute contained in PC 187 and 189. The distinguishing requirement for the special circumstance was the requirement that the killing be proven to be intentional. Thus, Judge Exharos found there was insufficient difference to give fair notice of what the lying in wait special circumstance prohibits, so that there was insufficient guidance to prohibit arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement. Thus, the special circumstance had been unconstitutionally vaque. "Not so," said the Court of Appeal in reinstating the special

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circumstance. Intentional murders can still be distinguished from implied malice murders even with the change in language.

In the dependency arena, the Court of Appeal in *In re Darlice C* 105 Cal. App. 4th 459 held that an indigent parent who has had an adverse .26 ruling can proceed to attack the judgment terminating parental rights collaterally by way of a habeas petition claiming a violation of due process rights through ineffective assistance of counsel, since the claim may involve matters outside the appellate record, such as counsel's tactics and decisions.

Presentence credit computation was at issue in *People v. Johnson* 105 Cal App. 4th 515. Predictably the Court rejected appellant's claim that he was entitled to 4019 credits for the period following his initial sentencing and his resentencing following a remand to the trial court, in other words, all of the time spent in custody between arrest and final resentencing. You can guess the result. No 4019 credits for any time after initial delivery to the Department of Corrections regardless of new time spent back in local custody waiting resentencing.

In People v Ormiston the Court of Appeal gave the prosecution a backhand for a clear case of overreaching. In short, an out on bail enhancement can not be supported by the fact that the defendant was in a diversion program at the time of the new offense. Duh!! But—on the other hand it was decided that walking with a controlled substance in a pocket qualifies to support a transportation charge! Double Duh!!

So, if a client buys a rock and walks back to his place of residence for the sole purpose of consuming the just acquired dope—he is guilty of transportation. Or how about he goes downstairs to another apartment and buys a rock and merely walks back upstairs. Guilty!

More follies to follow in later editions.

As you may already know, we have been blessed with a surfeit of eager and capable law clerks this semester. We have been able to assign law clerks to almost every branch office. They have become a very valuable asset to us, using their research and writing skills to lend a helping hand to our harried attorneys who are always hurrying to catch up with the bus that has just left. Some interesting issues have been

presented in their work assignments. Jean Brandl had a case recently in which the PC 290 registration requirement was used to charge her client with a felony. He had been convicted of PC 261.5, not a registerable offense. However, under 290 (a) (2) (E), a judge may order registration for any offense if it is shown that it was the crime was the result of sexual compulsion or for purposes of sexual gratification.(Query whether it would apply if a person stole underwear from a clothesline for those reasons- the answer is, yes, if the proper record was made. In Jean's case, there was no mention of registration in any part of the record, not in the waivers or plea, nor at sentencing. The probation officer checked the box on the proposed probation order but neither the Court nor defense counsel realized it. Client was granted probation. Later, the probation officer told him he had to register, so he did. When he much later did not continue to register. he was charged. A phone call to the D.A.'s office only resulted in my being told that I was wrong and that we'd have to litigate. The fine research of our law clerks, Derek Vandeviver and Noel Walker gave Jean the ammunition she needed to get the case dismissed!



by Jean Dittmyer

DITA investigators know how important they are to preserving and supporting justice in our complicated system of governments. **Scott Dittmyer**, **Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt**, **Jean Dittmyer** want to thank all the great instructors who came to Solvang to teach at the Defense Investigator Training Academy.

Mary Ellen Attridge taught two classes: Delinquency Law and on Admissions and Confessions. Mary Ellen is so personable and dynamic, and really knows her stuff. We were grateful to tear her away from San Diego for two nights to be with us is Solvang. She not only held everyone's attention in class, but we understand from those who were able to stay up with her, that she held their attention half the night in the hotel lounge. I think I can say with assurance that Mary Ellen Attridge will long be remembered for her enthusiasm, good humor, and commitment to clients by DITA II students.

Jackie Crowle was back again to teach search and seizure. This time, she brought with her two new faculty members for DITA. They were Jack Campbell from San Diego Public Defender and Jan Lecklikner from San Francisco Public Defender. Those three did some great team teaching, spending eight (count them, eight!) hours teaching DITA students how to read search warrants, identify issues in search and seizure, and how to investigate these cases. They gave us a great lesson on the Fourth Amendment, and made us realize how treasured that right is to all of

Steve Wadler was our faculty member for eyewitness cases. Steve has a really hard job, having gotten the late Friday afternoon slot. Nevertheless, he gave us his best and taught us a lot about how attorneys will approach eyewitness cases.

George Osper, also from San Diego, returned for another DITA class in CALJIC. George brought along with him two interesting cases for which we sorted through CALJIC and decided what CALJIC we'd want to have the jury

consider. George, who taught earlier in the week, would have been happy to hear all the good things said about his class, and how much support his topic received from other teachers. Again and again, we heard about CALJIC, and a number of faculties pointed out the CALJIC portions applicable to their particular topics.

DITA grads George McCauley from San Diego, Kathleen Sakoguchi from Orange, and Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt from Santa Barbara, (our instructor of record), also taught classes this time. Kathy and Lawanda taught about subpoena, records, and resources, and provided a lot of information in two short hours. George McCauley explained due diligence and gave a great lesson on locating people. George's class will be long remembered for his demonstration, complete with props, for locating and serving a difficult witness. George did tend to pick on the San Diego investigators during his class, but they survived the assault and came out looking pretty good.

Thanks again to all the APD staff who taught at DITA. We enjoyed being with you, and we learned a lot.



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